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SUBJECT: NYERERE'S OAU SPEECH AND EMBASSY COMMENTS

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1. PRESIDENT NYERERE'S SPEECH TO THE OPENING OF OAU COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS HAS GOT TO BE DESJDIBED AS BEING MODERATE AND
CONCILIATORY IN TONE. HE OFFERED THE QUOTE OLIVE BRANCH UNQUOTE
IN AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH SUCH A PRESENTATION REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE
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RAGE.

2. THE THRUST OF HIS MESSAGE WAS THAT QUOTE AFRICA PREFERS
A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE DECOLONIZATION PROBLEM IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA UNQUOTE. THAT HE ADDED QUOTE IF SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT
ACCEPT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION THEN WE MUST RESORT TO ARMED STRUGGLE
UNQUOTE WAS A CAVEAT REQUIRED BY THE CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT EVEN
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MORE IT IS PROBABLY A REALISTIC COMMENT AT THIS HISTORIC

POINT IN THE LIBERATION CAMPAIGN.

3. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT CONTRARY TO NYERERE'S VIEWS IN DAR 940 TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND BOTSWANA WILL COME IN FOR CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM BEFORE THIS MEETING ADJOURNS. THIS WAS MADE CLEAR BY THE STATEMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ANC (DAR'S 1000) AND BY KENYAN FOMIN WAIYAKI'S RESPONSE TO NYERERE IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR A TOTAL BOYCOTT OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE USE OF ARMED STRUGGLE INSTEAD OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

4. THE WAIYAKI SPEECH IS BEING MUCH DISCUSSED BY DELEGATES HERE, AND THE TANZANIANS HAVE ADMITTED THEIR SURPRISE. ONE SENIOR FOMIN OFFICIAL QUESTIONED WHETHER WAIYAKI SPOKE FOR HIMSELF OR WHETHER HIS MESSAGE HAD BEEN CLEARED AT STATE HOUSE IN NAIROBI PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL.

5. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT NYERERE'S ELDER STATESMAN APPROACH WAS LISTENED TO CAREFULLY BUT WITHOUT INTERRUPTION OF APPLAUSE OR CHEERS. WAIYAKI'S INFLAMED ORATORY WAS INTERRUPTED MANY TIMES ALBEIT LARGELY BY OBSERVERS FROM SWAPO AND BY DELEGATIONS FROM THE ARAB NORTH.

6. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN TANGOV'S POSITION PAPER ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION, BUT WE BELIEVE IT SIMPLY EXPANDS UPON THE CONTENTS REPORTED IN DAR 921, 940 AND 969.

7. SO THE NINTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION SEEMS TO BE SETTLING

DOWN TO A CONTEST OF INFLUENCE BETWEEN THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION SHOULD BE PURSUED WITH VIGOR AND THOSE WHO WANT TO THROW OUT THE BABY WITH THE BATH WATER. WE PREDICT THE MODERATES MAY WELL CARRY THE DAY, BUT IT WILL OBVIOUSLY BE MORE OF A STRUGGLE THAN THEY ANTICIPATED. CARTER

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